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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RIBAK ET AL.

Examiner

Tam D. Tran

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodin et al.

(Pub.No.US2003/0014530 A1), hereinafter simply Bodin.

2. In regard to claims 1, 13, 25, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, comprising: receiving code representing content to be presented to the user, the content comprising a plurality of hyperlinks to other content and at least one attribute associated with each of the hyperlinks; see page 1 paragraph 6; receiving a set of at least one user preference for displaying the hyperlinks responsive to the at least one attribute associated therewith; see page 9 paragraph 109; and displaying the content while hiding at least one of the hyperlinks responsive to the at least one user preference and to the at least one attribute associated with the at least one of the hyperlinks. See page 2 paragraph 11.

3. In regard to claims 2, 14, 26, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a verbosity characteristic, and wherein the at least one user preference specifies a desired level of verbosity, and wherein displaying the content comprises

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selecting the at least one of the hyperlinks to hide responsive to a comparison of the verbosity characteristic thereof and the verbosity level. See page 8 paragraph 90.

4. In regard to claims 3, 15, 27, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the verbosity level comprises a verbosity threshold, and wherein selecting the at least one of the hyperlinks comprises hiding those hyperlinks whose verbosity characteristic is above the threshold. See page 1 paragraph 9.

5. In regard to claims 4, 16, 28, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein receiving the set of at least one user preference comprises servicing an interaction by the user with an on-screen control for setting the verbosity level. See page 1 paragraph 9.

6. In regard to claims 5, 17, 29, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein receiving the set of at least one user preference comprises receiving the desired level of the verbosity by category. See page 5 paragraph 62.

7. In regard to claims 6, 18, 30, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein receiving the set of at least one user preference comprises receiving the user preference with regard to displaying each of the categories. See page 8 paragraph 97.

8. In regard to claims 7, 19, 31, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the hyperlinks comprises two or more hyperlinks in different ones of the categories associated with a single item in the content, and wherein displaying the content comprises determining which of the two or more hyperlinks to display responsive to the user preference. See page 2 paragraph 11.

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9. In regard to claims 8, 20, 32, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the content comprises markup language code. See page 3 paragraph 40.

10. In regard to claims 9, 21, 33, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the at least one attribute is determined by a style sheet associated with the content, and wherein displaying the content comprises formatting the content for display responsive to the style sheet. See page 3 paragraph 42.

11. In regard to claims 10, 22, 34, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein receiving the set of at least one user preference comprises receiving an input of the preference while the content is being displayed, and wherein displaying the content comprises altering the content displayed based on the input of the preference. See page 3 paragraph 43.

12. In regard to claims 11, 23, 35, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein displaying the content comprises using a Web browser program to generate the display, and wherein setting the at least one user preference comprises positioning a cursor on a screen and moving the cursor so as to interact with a user interface displayed by the browser program. See page 1 paragraph 7.

13. In regard to claims 12, 24, 36, Bodin teaches a method for visualizing data, wherein the user interface comprises slider controls. See page 1 paragraph 9.

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### *Conclusion*

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tam D. Tran** whose telephone number is **703-305-4196**. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30 – 5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Matthew Bella** can be reached on **703-308-6829**.

**Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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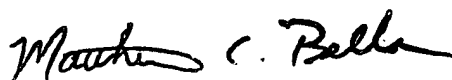
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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